54. The computer-readable medium of claim **53**, wherein the step of selecting base icons on the display screen according to the activation gesture further comprises:

selecting base icons located within the target region and at a distance greater than a predetermined distance from the activation gesture's origin.

55. The computer-readable medium of claim **54**, wherein the step of selecting icons on the display screen according to the activation gesture further comprises:

determining whether the activation gesture's selection includes a source icon and, if so, selecting base icons located within the target region and at a distance greater than the predetermined distance from the activation gesture's origin and representing content compatible with the source icon.

56. The computer-readable medium of claim **55**, wherein the step of selecting base icons on the display screen according to the activation gesture further comprises determining whether the number of selected target icons exceeds a predetermined limit and, if so, repeatedly:

reducing the area of the target region; and

selecting base icons located within the reduced target region and at a distance greater than the predetermined distance from the activation gesture's origin and compatible with the source icon if the activation gesture's selection includes a source icon;

until the number of selected base icons is less than or equal to the predetermined limit.

57. The computer-readable medium of claim **52**, wherein the step of displaying the target cluster at the predetermined proximity distance from the activation gesture's location comprises:

determining a center point of the target cluster, the center point determined according to the spatial arrangement of the target cluster;

determining a vector originating at the activation gesture's origin and proceeding in the activation gesture's direction; and

displaying the target cluster on the display screen such that the target cluster's center point is located on the determined vector at the predetermined proximity distance from the activation gesture's location.

58. The computer-readable medium of claim **52**, wherein the step of displaying the target cluster at a predetermined proximity distance from the activation gesture's location further comprises:

displaying a band between each target icon in the target cluster and a corresponding base icon.

59. The computer-readable medium of claim **52**, wherein the step of detecting an action dismissing the target cluster comprises detecting a release gesture and, upon detecting the release gesture, determining whether the release gesture is made on a target icon in the target cluster and, if so:

determining the associated target icon upon which the release gesture is made; and

activating the content associated with the associated target icon in accordance with the activation gesture's selection.

60. The computer-readable medium of claim **59**, wherein the step of activating the content associated with the associated target icon in accordance with the activation gesture's selection comprises:

determining whether the activation gesture's selection is a nonempty selection having a source icon and, if so, activating the content associated with the associated target icon with the source icon.

61. The computer-readable medium of claim **59**, wherein the step of detecting an action dismissing the target cluster further comprises:

detecting a movement gesture; and

determining whether the movement gesture is an action dismissing the target cluster, such that:

if the movement associated with the movement gesture is made in a direction toward any of the target icons in the target cluster, the movement gesture is not an action dismissing the target cluster;

if the movement associated with the movement gesture is made in a direction away from all of the target icons in the target cluster, and the amount of movement associated with the movement gesture is less than a predetermined tolerance amount, the movement gesture is not an action dismissing the target cluster;

otherwise, the movement gesture is an action dismissing the target cluster.

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